AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the second paragraph on page 4 with the following amended paragraph:

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In Figure 1, a function block 14 resides within a controller's application program and is energized or activated through a function block diagram ~~15~~ 11. The function block 14 includes an object that is transmitted to a receiving device 16 for notifying operator personnel. The receiving device 16 has means for receiving and displaying the object, e.g., a computer having a web browser.

Please replace the first paragraph on page 5 with the following amended paragraph:

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FIGURE 3 is an illustration of a block diagram representing a portion of the function block diagram ~~15~~ 11. An input from a network device (not shown) on the network is monitored, preferably through polling, by sensing a signal from the network device. In response to the signal from the network device 20, the function block 14 can transmit an object containing a Java-like code to the display device 16. An agent residing at the display device 16 can be activated to display the object to request intervention by an operator. In another embodiment of the invention, the object activates the agent on the display device 16.

Please replace the second paragraph on page 5 with the following amended paragraph:

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Upon receipt of a Java, HTML or WML based object, the receiving device 16 stores the object in a temporary location of the receiving device 16. The receiving device 16 displays the object for notification to an operator. Preferably, a web browser displays

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an image on the screen of the receiving device 16. However, it is to be understood that audible notification or any other type of sensory notification to the receiving device 16 is also contemplated by this invention. If the intervention request is transmitted by a network device 20 in Java, HTML or WML, the receiving device 16 displays a graphic image related to the network device 20 that initiated the controller's request for intervention. The receiving device 16 then waits for the operator personnel to intervene. If desired, an operator can send a message response back to the function block 14, EFB, through the receiving device 16. The function block diagram waits for a message response from the receiving device 16. The response can close the connection or abort it by setting a bit or flag within the function block 14. If the operator transmits a return message, the information is placed in a location specified by the function block diagram 14 11.

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